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## Box PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of DANIEL L. PUGH for METHOD AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRACEBACK-FREE PARALLEL VITERBI DECODER.

Also enclosed are:

- ☒ 15 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s);
- ☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☐ hereby made to          filed in          on         ;
- ☐ in the declaration;
- ☐ a certified copy of the priority document;
- ☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- ☒ an Assignment document;
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement; and
- ☒ Other: Appendix (20 pages)
- ☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
- ☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to          filed in          on         ; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--



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☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	25	MINUS 20 =	5	× \$18.00 (103) =	90.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	-	× \$80.00 (102) =	-
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					-
Total Application Fee					800.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					400.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$ if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>440.00</b>

☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 440.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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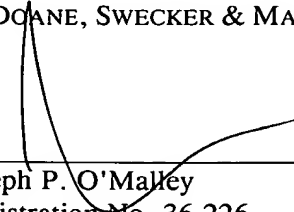
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